Subject: RE: follow up from CCSA (Lou Dantzler Elementary)
From: "Elizabeth Robitaille <erobitaille@ccsa.org>" <erobitaille@ccsa.org>
Date: 8/30/17, 2:16 PM
To: P Hudnut
CC: Allison Kenda; Cassy Horton

Hi Parker,
Thanks for reaching out. I am glad you did because the timing has gotten quite urgent and to be totally frank, while there has been interest/willingness expressed by ICEF staff to engage with CCSA, there has been very little follow through to date. We would appreciate you raising the level of urgency for the MMR for Lou Dantzler, in particular.

After engagement with you in the spring, we had a call with the Lou Dantzler ES principal in May to explain CCSA's accountability process and why a Multiple Measure Review during the summer would be helpful. At this time, Principal Goode expressed that it would be the ICEF central office that would be preparing the data case for their renewal and she would share this with us when it was complete and in her possession. In mid-June we sent a formal letter/invitation for the Multiple Measure Review, asking for any data to be submitted to us by the end of July. In early July we received email acknowledgement from Ms. Goode that Lou Dantzler would be participating soon, but to date we have received no materials. Allison and I have each had numerous calls or emails with various ICEF staff to explain (and re-explain) the Multiple Measure Review so that folks know what kinds of data they could submit, but to date neither Lou Dantzler nor View Park HS has submitted anything. Ms. Goode has recently invited Allison Kenda to come down for an in-person meeting in early September, which we're happy to do, but our time to conduct a Multiple Measure Review is rapidly running out. We need data soon…which is why I've now included the September 15th deadline in yesterday's communication. It also seems somewhat disconcerting that at no time have Marie Morelock or Ryan Gomez or others from the ICEF central office engaged with CCSA in the conversation. (One sidenote – I did meet James Waller when I visited View Park Prep HS last week, but he seems to be in charge of secondary education).

At this point we believe View Park HS will be above our minimum criteria, based on the best modeling we can do of the yet-unreleased 2016-17 CAASPP scores. We're not sure about this yet, but it's our best estimate. We've encouraged James Waller, Traci Porter, and Sean Nealy to submit the data points they felt were compelling based on our meeting last week and offered to still do a Multiple Measure Review, just to be safe, but at this point we think that school will be above our minimum criteria based on public test scores alone.

We are very worried that Lou Dantzler ES is likely to fall below our criteria based on test scores and would need compelling evidence to emerge through a Multiple Measure Review (MMR) in order for CCSA to be able to support the school. To date, Ms. Goode, has not provided any data but we also haven't had any engagement with other ICEF central office staff to indicate that others are supporting her effort to provide this data. Now that we know Lou Dantzler is likely to fall below our criteria if we were to rely on

test scores alone, the urgency for this MMR increases substantially. We need a few weeks to do the Multiple Measure Review and we're rapidly running out of time. We acknowledge that ICEF has had to deal with turnover. We're trying to find the right balance between being as supportive to ICEF as we possibly can (hence the multiple engagement points over the last 4 months and deadline extensions) but we need time to review the data as well and prepare a recommendation to CCSA's Member Council and Board of Directors.

We really appreciate you stepping in and we would be happy to discuss this further with you by phone if you'd like. If you could please encourage Lou Dantzler to submit data for a Multiple Measure Review as soon as possible and definitely no later than September 15th, we would be grateful.

Many thanks,
Elizabeth Robitaille

From: Parker Hudnut [mailto:phudnut@icefps.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Elizabeth Robitaille <erobitaille@ccsa.org>
Subject: Re: follow up from CCSA (Lou Dantzler Elementary)

Elizabeth,

I was under the impression from my team that we were engaged with you on the MMR. However, your email seems to say otherwise. Therefore, can you please confirm for me what I need to direct my team to provide you?

As background, I have told my team that the CCSA review is one piece of data that they need to present to me as part of our internal review about whether we renew LD or not. I am trying to help them learn by letting them lead the process so please don't view my silence as more than empowering them to learn about accountability first hand! That said, I want to push when needed and it appears now is the time to do that...

As always, I appreciate your guidance and support.

Thank you

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--Thomas Jefferson

On Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 5:22 AM, Elizabeth Robitaille <erobitaille@ccsa.org> wrote:

> Dear Parker, Akeysha, James, and Sean,
> Thank you for the opportunity to visit View Park last week. When we left, I mentioned that we would be in touch once the state released the CAASSP scores this week. As you are likely aware, the state announced a delay of that release for an unknown amount of time. But we have been able to do some modeling of likely outcomes based on data previews and we'd like to discuss next steps. I'll send a separate communication about View Park Prep High School. This email is regarding Lou Dantzler Elementary.
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> CCSA would like to strongly encourage Lou Dantzler Elementary to engage with CCSA in a Multiple Measure Review as outlined in the attached letter (and our communications below from mid-June and late July). Our window for these reviews closes September 15, so we are respectfully requesting that you respond to us as soon as possible. This request has taken on a new urgency as we have looked at preliminary results from the 2016-17 CAASPP. Though the CDE has delayed the official release of 2016-17 CAASPP scores, CCSA's modeling of your school's performance leaves us very concerned that your school is likely to be below initial filters of CCSA's Minimum Academic Accountability Criteria for Renewal. CCSA support for your renewal would thus likely need to be based on non-public data that would emerge from a Multiple Measure Review. If we are to rely on public test score data alone, it seems likely that CCSA would, in fact, be opposing the renewal of Lou Dantzler Elementary. Though we will not have certainty on this until after the 2016-17 CAASPP data are released, we urge you to work with us to share more compelling non-test-score based data showing student outcomes. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be able to submit data as part of our Multiple Measure Review by September 15th.
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> We look forward to hearing from you soon.
> Very sincerely,
> Elizabeth Robitaille
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> **From:** James Waller [mailto:jwaller@icefps.org]
> **Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 8:22 AM

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Subject: Re: follow up from CCSA

Good morning,

It was nice meeting you both yesterday and discussing how CCSA can support us with our data on our charter renewal for both View Park High and Lou Dantzler.

Thanks for sending the benchmark data.

We are looking forward to hearing from you after the state results are released next week.

Have a good weekend.

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 6:06 PM, Elizabeth Robitaille <erobitaille@ccsa.org> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Porter, Mr. Waller, and Mr. Nealy,
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> Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. As we discussed, we look forward to working with you to more deeply understand the performance of View Park Prep High and Lou Dantzler Elementary through CCSA's Multiple Measure Review process. We discussed several follow up items:
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> 1. **NWEA MAP Assessments & Virtual Control Group reports**: I will reach out to NWEA to ask them to send you authorization forms so we can get virtual control group reports for both Lou Dantzler Elementary and View Park Prep High School. Also, if you'd like to send us any data for either/both schools, it could be helpful for making the case of growth over time.
> 2. **National Student Clearinghouse data and High School Benchmarks Study**: I have attached the high school benchmarks study I referenced during our meeting today. We would love to see View Park Prep High School college enrollment data once you have it ready to share.
> 3. **Follow up with Lou Dantzler Elementary**: We would love to have the opportunity to work on the Multiple Measure Review for Lou Dantzler ES. Mr. Waller, I believe you mentioned that you are planning to meet with Ms. Goods tomorrow and then would be following up with us to discuss the Multiple Measure Review and submission of data?
> 4. **Other items:** To recap, we discussed that both View Park Prep HS and Lou Dantzler Elementary are currently above the initial filters of CCSA's academic accountability criteria but risk falling below the 5th percentile of SBAC performance statewide (Lou Dantzler dropping from the 29th to the 6th percentile, View Park dropping from the 16th to the 14th). We will be in touch

next week once the state test scores are publicly released to let you know the percentile ranking of both schools. If either drops below the 5th percentile, this would necessitate a Multiple Measure Review for CCSA renewal support. But even if the schools end up above the initial filters of CCSA's criteria, we are happy to help you strengthen your data-based case for renewal through a Multiple Measure Review if you would like. To that end, please feel free to begin submitting NWEA MAP data or other interim benchmark data, WASC self-study/visit reports, LCAP, postsecondary outcomes and any other data you feel is compelling/supportive to telling the story of the schools' success.

We look forward to continued dialogue.
Very best regards,
Elizabeth

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